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<b>For:</b>	ILLUMINATION CONTROL SYSTEM AND ILLUMINATION CONTROL METHOD FOR ENDOSCOPE SYSTEMS	<b>Dated:</b>	December 3, 2003

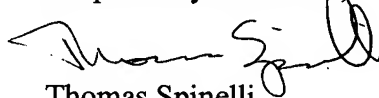
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**CLAIM OF PRIORITY**

Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified application hereby claims the right of priority in connection with Title 35 U.S.C. § 119 and in support thereof, will submit in due course a certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-329565 filed October 26, 2001.

Respectfully submitted



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